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FRENCH AMBASSADOR ROUDIE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT
PRESIDENT EYADEMA OF TOGO PLAYED THE PREDOMINANT ROLE IN
THE RELEASE OF THE EIGHT FRENCH CITIZENS WHO HAD BEEN
DETAINED BY POLISARIO. ACCORDING TO ROUDIE, THE ROLE OF
US SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN THE RELEASE WAS ALSO
IMPORTANT, BUT WALDHEIM'S INFLUENCE WAS MAINLY MORAL
WHEREAS EYADEMA HAD BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY THREATEN
POLISARIO. (ROUDIE NOTED THAT THE JEUNE AFRIQUE ISSUE
OF 28 DECEMBER ALSO EMPHASIZED THE ROLE THAT EYADEMA
HAD PLAYED.) ROUDIE SAID THAT EYADEMA'S NOTIFICATION TO
POLISARIO THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO WITHDRAW TOGOLESE
RECOGNITION OF IT UNLESS THE PRISONERS WERE RELEASED HAD
BEEN THE CLINCHER. ROUDIE WILL HOLD A CEREMONY IN LOME
IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON BEHALF OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO
HONOR MINISTER OF INFORMATION KWAQVI BENYI JOHNSON, WHO
NEGOTIATED THE RELEASE. PALMER
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